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## INVENTORY WORKSHEET

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| 4641   | 10/13/49 | Omaha memo to New York                                | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4642   | 10/13/49 | Omaha memo to New York                                | 2         | yes            |                         |
| 4643   | 10/14/49 | Letter to New York from Debevoise, Plimpton<br>McLean | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4644   | 10/14/49 | Washington Field Office letter to<br>Director         | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4645   | 10/14/49 | Boston letter to Omaha                                | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4646   | 10/14/49 | Washington Field Office letter to<br>Director         | 2         | yes            |                         |
| 4647   | 10/14/49 | Washington Field Office letter to<br>Director         | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4648   | 10/17/49 | Memo of Special Agent Tuohy                           | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4649   | 10/17/49 | Teletype to New York from Boston                      | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4649A  | 10/14/49 | Memo to New York from Director                        | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4650   | 10/14/49 | Letter to Director from Denver                        | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4651   | 10/14/49 | Letter to Washington Field Office from<br>Director    | 1         | yes            |                         |

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| 4652   | 10/17/49 | Memo of Special Agent Spencer                      | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4653   | 10/12/49 | Letter to Buffalo from Losa                        | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4654   | 10/17/49 | Letter to Director from New York                   | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4655   | 10/17/49 | Letter to Director from New York                   | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4656   | 10/13/49 | Memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4657   | 10/14/49 | Report of Special Agent Kirby                      | 3         | yes            |                         |
| 4658   | 10/18/49 | Memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4659   | 11/17/49 | Transfer sheet                                     | 1         | no             | see attached            |
| 4660   | 10/14/49 | Report of Aulenbacher                              | 2         | yes            |                         |
| 4661   | 10/18/49 | Lab report to Washington Field Office              | 2         | yes            |                         |
| 4662   | 10/3/49  | Report of Special Agent O'Keefe                    | 42        | yes            |                         |
| 4663   | 10/9/49  | Newspaper clipping                                 | 2         | no             | released in full        |

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| 4664   | 10/10/49 | Newspaper clipping  | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4665   | 10/10/49 | Newspaper clipping  | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4666   | 10/12/49 | Memo to New York from Albany                              | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4667   | 10/13/49 | Memo to New York from Director                            | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4668   | 10/5/49  | Teletype to New York from Albany                          | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4669   | 10/4/49  | Letter to Director from Washington Field Office           | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4669A  | 10/17/49 | Report of Special Agent Lewis                             | 8         | yes            |                         |
| 4670   | 10/18/49 | Letter to Director from Washington Field Office           | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4671   | 10/18/49 | Report of Special Agent Van Etten                         | 9         | yes            |                         |
| 4672   | 10/19/49 | Teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office from New York | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4673   | 10/21/49 | Memo of Special Agent Tuohy                               | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4674   | 10/24/49 | Memo of Special Agent Martin                              | 1         | no             | released in full        |

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| 4675   | 10/18/49 | Memo of Special Agent Ring                           | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4676   | 10/19/49 | Letter to Director from New York                     | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4677   | 10/19/49 | Letter to Albany from New York                       | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4678   | 10/20/49 | Teletype to Bureau, Baltimore from New York          | 2         | yes            |                         |
| 4679   | 10/20/49 | Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York               | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4680   | 10/19/49 | Letter to Director from Washington Field Office      | 3         | yes            |                         |
| 4681   | 10/20/49 | Letter to Director from Washington Field Office      | 2         | yes            |                         |
| 4682   | 10/11/49 | Newspaper clipping                                   | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4683   | 10/20/49 | Letter to Director from Boston                       | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4684   | 10/21/49 | New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4685   | 10/18/49 | Teletype to Birmingham from Director                 | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4686   | 10/24/49 | Memo to Special Agent in Charge, New York            | 1         | no             | released in full        |

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| 4687   | 10/18/49 | Letter to Director from Washington Field Office                  | 2         | yes            |                         |
| 4688   | 10/19/49 | Letter from Special Agent in Charge, New York                    | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4689   |          | Missing from file  |           |                |                         |
| 4690   | 10/21/49 | Letter to Bureau from New York                                   | 2         | yes            |                         |
| 4691   | 10/20/49 | Report of Special Agent Small                                    | 7         | yes            |                         |
| 4692   | 10/21/49 | Letter to Director from Baltimore                                | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4693   | 10/24/49 | Memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont               | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4694   | 10/12/49 | Report of Special Agent Fletcher                                 | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4695   | 10/25/49 | Pittsburgh teletype to Bureau, New York, Washington Field Office | 2         | yes            |                         |
| 4696   | 10/25/49 | Memo of Special Agent McAndrews                                  | 2         | no             | released in full        |
| 4697   | 10/20/49 | Letter to Director from Seattle                                  | 2         | yes            |                         |
| 4698   | 10/24/49 | Report of Special Agent Flaherty                                 | 3         | yes            |                         |

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| 4699     | 10/27/49 | Memo of Special Agent Spencer                                     | 1         | no             | (see attached)          |
| 4700     | 10/24/49 | Letter to Director from New York                                  | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4701     | 10/25/49 | Letter to Director from New York                                  | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4702     | 10/26/49 | Letter to Washington Field Office from Director                   | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4703     | 10/25/49 | Letter to Director from New York                                  | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4704 A,B | 11/3/49  | Transfer sheet concerning New York letter to Director of 10/27/49 | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4705     | 10/26/49 | Letter to Director from New York                                  | 3         | yes            |                         |
| 4706     | 10/28/49 | Memo of Special Agent Spencer                                     | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4707     | 10/28/49 | Memo of Special Agent Spencer                                     | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4708     | 10/26/49 | Letter to Director from Washington Field Office                   | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4709     | 10/27/49 | Letter to Director from Washington Field Office                   | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4710     | 10/27/49 | Letter to Director from New Haven                                 | 1         | yes            |                         |

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| 4711   | 10/28/49 | Memo of Special Agent Spencer                         | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4712   | 10/28/49 | Memo of Special Agent Spencer                         | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4713   | 10/27/49 | Little Rock to New York                               | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4714   | 10/31/49 | Memo of Special Agent Spencer                         | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4715   | 10/31/49 | Memo of Special Agent Spencer                         | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4716   | 10/31/49 | Memo of Special Agent Spencer                         | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4717   | 10/28/49 | New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office  | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4718   | 10/28/49 | Washington Field Office teletype to New York, Bureau, | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4719   | 10/31/49 | Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York                | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4720   | 10/31/49 | Memo of Special Agent Spencer                         | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4721   | 10/31/49 | Report of Special Agent Spencer                       | 131       | yes            |                         |
| 4722   | 10/31/49 | Memo of Special Agent Tuohy                           | 1         | no             | released in full        |

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| 4723   | 10/31/49 | New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4724   | 10/31/49 | New York teletype to Bureau, Baltimore               | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4725   | 10/17/49 | Memo of Special Agent Gray                           | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4726   | 10/31/49 | Letter to Nassau District Attorney from New York     | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4727   | 10/26/49 | Letter to Baltimore from New York                    | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4728   |          | Missing from file                                    |           |                |                         |
| 4729   | 10/31/49 | New York letter transmitting evidence to Bureau      | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4730   | 10/31/49 | New York letter to Director                          | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4731   | 10/7/49  | Newspaper clippings                                  | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4732   | 10/7/49  | Albany memo to New York                              | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4733   | 12/1/49  | New York teletype to Bureau, Newark                  | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4734   | 10/28/49 | Little Rock to New Haven                             | 1         | yes            |                         |

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| 4735   | 10/31/49 | Memo to New York from Director                    | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4736   | 10/28/49 | Report of Special Agent Martin                    | 3         | yes            |                         |
| 4737   | 12/1/49  | Washington Field Office letter to Director        | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4738   | 12/1/49  | Washington Field Office letter to Director        | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4739   | 12/1/49  | New York teletype to Bureau                       | 2         | yes            |                         |
| 4740   | 10/31/49 | Report of Anthony                                 | 6         | yes            |                         |
| 4741   | 11/3/49  | Newark teletype to Bureau, New York, Philadelphia | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4742   | 11/3/49  | Memo of Special Agent Spencer                     | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4743   | 11/3/49  | Memo of Special Agent Spencer                     | 2         | no             | released in full        |
| 4744   | 11/4/49  | New York teletype to Philadelphia, New York       | 2         | no             | released in full        |
| 4745   | 11/3/49  | Letter to Director from Washington Field Office   | 2         | yes            |                         |
| 4746   | 11/2/49  | Letter to Director from New York                  | 4         | yes            |                         |

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| 4747   | 11/4/49 | New York teletype to Bureau                          | 2         | yes            |                         |
| 748    | 11/6/49 | Boston teletype to Bureau, New York                  | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4749   | 11/4/49 | Report of Special Agent Coller                       | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4750   | 11/4/49 | Letter to Director from Detroit                      | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4751   | 11/7/49 | Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York               | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4752   | 11/7/49 | Philadelphia teletype to Bureau, New York, Baltimore | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4753   | 11/1/49 | Bureau teletype to New York                          | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4754   | 11/2/49 | Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York, Philadelphia | 3         | yes            |                         |
| 4755   | 11/3/49 | Bureau teletype to New York                          | 2         | yes            |                         |
| 4756   | 11/7/49 | New York letter to Philadelphia                      | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4757   | 11/7/49 | Letter to Director from New York                     | 3         | yes            |                         |
| 4758   | 11/7/49 | New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office | 1         | yes            |                         |

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| 4759   | 11/7/49 | New York teletype to Bureau                  | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 760    | 11/7/49 | New York teletype to Bureau, Portland        | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4761   | 11/7/49 | New York teletype to Bureau, Baltimore       | 3         | yes            |                         |
| 4778   | 11/8/49 | Portland teletype to Seattle                 | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4762   | 11/7/49 | Letter to New York from Director             | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4763   | 11/8/49 | Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York       | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4764   | 11/8/49 | Memo of Special Agent Spillane               | 1         | no             | released in full        |
| 4765   | 11/4/49 | Report of Special Agent O'Keefe              | 29        | yes            |                         |
| 4766   | 11/8/49 | Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York       | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4766A  | 11/8/49 | Memo to New York from Director               | 1         | yes            |                         |
| 4767   | 11/8/49 | Washington Field Office teletype to New York | 1         | no             | (see attached)          |
| 4768   | 11/8/49 | Memo of Special Agent Tuohy                  | 1         | no             | released in full        |

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|          | 4659       | Transfer sheet                 | 1                 | 1 Name and file number of a third party deleted as this subject is not relative to the request  | (b) (7) (C)<br>(b) (2)  |             |
|          | 4699       | Memo of SA Spencer<br>10/27/49 | 1                 | 1 <u>Page 1, paragraph 1:</u> Material withheld to conceal the identity of a confidential informant<br><u>Page 1, paragraph 2:</u> Identity of source and information which would tend to identify the source<br><u>Page 1, paragraph 3:</u> Identity of source and information which would tend to identify the source<br><u>Page 1, paragraph 3, line 7, 8:</u> Material furnished by source concerning a third party was deleted as it was unfounded and was of a highly personal nature<br><u>Page 1, paragraph 4:</u> Information denied consists of name of source and material which would identify the source | (b) (7) (D)<br>(b) (7) (D)<br>(b) (7) (D)<br>(b) (7) (C)<br>(b) (7) (D) |             |
|          | 4767       | Wire to NY from WFO            | 1                 | 1 Information withheld pertains solely to a third party and was not considered pertinent to the request. This information consists of past employments, and residences as appearing in another government agency files  | (b) (7) (C)   |             |

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October 14, 1949

Mr. Edward Scheidt  
Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
607 U.S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York 7, N. Y.

United States v. Alger Hiss

Dear Mr. Scheidt:

Thank you for your letter of October 11  
enclosing photostatic copy of Government's  
Exhibit 22.

Very truly yours,

Debevoise, Plimpton & McLean

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, N. Y.

October 17, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAN

This morning ASAC Bob Lally, Baltimore, telephonically referred to our teletype of the 14th, inquiring as to whether AUSA Tom Murphy is definitely coming to Baltimore on October 18. After checking with SA Tom Spencer, I advised Mr. Lally that Mr. Murphy and Spencer would leave New York at 8:50 a.m. tomorrow via American Air Lines, arriving at Baltimore at approximately 10:00 a.m. Mr. Lally said that SA Frank Johnstone would meet them at the airport. He further advised that he would advise CHAMBERS that they are coming.

Mr. Lally made further reference to our teletype of the 14th in connection with WELFORD RAYMOND DAY, who claims to have dated Mrs. EVELYN KING. Mr. Lally inquired whether DAY was positive if EVFLYN was the first name, or was he guessing at it. He advised that they had located a Kings Tavern at Catonsville, Maryland, and that it is operated by two brothers, GEORGE and PAUL KING. Their brother, KENNETH, who is deceased, had a wife named EVELYN, but she in no way meets the description of the EVELYN we are trying to locate. Mr. LALLY requested that we reinterview DAY today to find out if he is sure EVELYN'S husband ran the tavern, or was it merely a claim. He requested that we bleed DAY for any other details for possible leads, asking him whether EVELYN had any sisters or family or anything else which might help locate her.

Mr. Lally advised also that old Baltimore directories list a Mrs. ELIZABETH E. KING in the 2200 block of Druid Hill Avenue. On the theory that the "E" might stand for EVELYN, they are seeking to locate this party. Mr. Lally also wanted to know whether DAY would be able to identify a photograph of EVELYN.

A. J. TUOHY,  
Special Agent.

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JAHAM, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R, IS-R. RE SEATTLE TEL DATED OCT FOURTEEN LAST. ANY ADDITIONAL CONTACTS THAT MRS CHAMBERS MAY HAVE HAD WITH MRS. VANDERLIN WOULD HAVE OCCURRED IN THE PARKWAY IN FRONT OF MRS. CHAMBERS EUTAW ST. HOME. HOWEVER, MRS. CHAMBERS RECALLS ONLY THE ONE CONTACT WITH THE NURSE. BALTIMORE HAS NO ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF MRS. CHAMBERS MADE DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD.

MC FARLIN

END

SEATTLE WLLXXX WILL BE ADVISED

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, N. Y.**

October 17,

## WE'VE ORANGED UP:

Re: JAHAN

Reference is made to the newspaper articles appearing, particularly in the New York Times and Journal-American of October 12, 1949, in connection with WILLIAM ROSEN. Both of these newspapers indicated that AUSA Murphy had informed the newspaper reporters that ROSEN had been served with a witness subpoena outside of a department store in Los Angeles and that when ROSEN appeared before Judge LIEBELL on October 11, Murphy had informed the newspapers that ROSEN was being released from custody of the FBI on the promise that he would appear and testify as a witness in the retrial of the HISS case.

Murphy was out of the city at the time these newspaper stories appeared, and upon interview on October 14, 1949, he advised that the stories were entirely untrue and that as a matter of fact he had not talked to any newspaper reporter in connection with the above-mentioned ROSEN affair; and that apparently the newspaper reporters had learned that ROSEN would appear before Judge LIEBELL in connection with his being subpoenaed as a witness in this case. Murphy did relate, however, that since the subpoena called for ROSEN's appearance on October 10, he wanted to protect himself and therefore had ROSEN brought before Judge LIEBELL, and at that time ROSEN was instructed to be prepared to appear in Federal Court in the SDNY on November 1 next, which is the tentative date scheduled for the hearing of this case.

T. G. SPENCER,  
Special Agent

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SAC, Buffalo

October 12, 1949

SAC, Los Angeles

WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE, was.  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Buffalo letter to Los Angeles dated September 6, 1949.

There is transmitted herewith one copy of the "Orient", the annual senior publication for East High School, Rochester, New York, issued in 1928.

The photograph of THELMA OSTER, 27 Vienna Street, who graduated from East High School in January, 1928, which appears in this yearbook, was exhibited to WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE who was unable to identify her as anyone he ever knew.

Reproductions of the photograph of OSTER have been made and are being retained at the Los Angeles Office for possible future use.

It is suggested that the yearbook be returned to Mr. W. C. WOLGAST, Principal, East High School, Rochester, New York.

Encl. - REGISTERED

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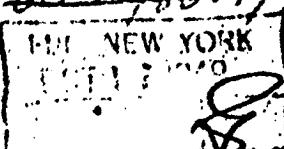
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New York, New York

October 13, 1949

MEMO

RE: MEDE MASSINO  
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

Re New York teletype to Bureau dated October 11, 1949.

On the afternoon of October 13, Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau called with reference to the above teletype and advised that it was satisfactory for us to furnish this information to AUSA Murphy.

A. H. BELMONT  
ASAC

cc - 65-14920 (Jaham) ✓

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October 18, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAHAN

On the morning of October 18, Mr. Thomas Donegan called to advise that Mr. VINCENT ASTOR, who is the owner of "Newsweek", had discussed with him the propriety of the proposed appearance of CHAMBERS in a television broadcast sponsored by "Newsweek". Mr. Donegan advised that he had informed Mr. ASTOR that he considered such an appearance on the part of CHAMBERS prior to the forthcoming trial highly inadvisable. Mr. Donegan advised that Mr. ASTOR likewise felt that such an appearance by CHAMBERS was inadvisable and that Mr. ASTOR had instructed "Newsweek" that the matter should be dropped. Mr. Donegan advised that Mr. ASTOR wanted the Bureau to know that he had instructed "Newsweek" to discontinue its efforts to get CHAMBERS on this broadcast as he considered it inadvisable in view of the forthcoming trial.

Mr. Donegan further advised that he understood from Mr. ASTOR and his representatives that AUSA Murphy had been contacted by "Newsweek" concerning the proposed appearance, and that Mr. Murphy had stated he would take it under advisement but that he was against the suggested appearance. Mr. Donegan advised that Mr. Murphy had not discussed the matter with him; consequently, he was not in a position to say what Mr. Murphy's views were.

A. H. BELMONT  
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INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER FOR ALL THE PEOPLE

Burlington, Vermont, Sunday, October 9, 1949

## Dimock Cited By N. Y. Paper In Hiss Case

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Sunday News

## Hiss Moves For Vt. Trial

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## Weather

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# FOR NOV. 1

**Motion to Shift  
2nd Trial to Vt.  
Heard Today**

**Daily News Editorial Cited  
By Govt. in Opposing Move**

**Nov. 1 Date Set by Judge to Allow  
Hiss Attorney Time to Prepare Case**

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**NEW YORK. (UP)—The second Alger Hiss perjury trial was postponed today until Nov. 1, and a Federal Judge took under advisement Hiss's application for a change of venue to Vermont.**

Judge Vincent L. Leibell adjourned the opening of the trial after a new attorney recently retained by Hiss said he needed two months to prepare his case. Leibell told the attorney, Claude B. Gross, of Boston, that he could have three weeks until Nov. 1—and then might make another adjournment effort if he felt he could not go to trial at that time.

The change of venue motion was argued before Judge Alfred C. Coxe when Leibell disqualifies himself on the grounds that a member of his family was employed by Time, Inc. McWhorter, a member, former \$30,000-a-year senior editor of Time magazine and admitted former courier for a pre-war Soviet spy ring, is Hiss' principal accuser.

Asst. U. S. Atty. Thomas F. Murphy, government prosecutor in the Hiss case, opened his argument by reading excerpts from a page one editorial in the Burlington, Vt. Daily News of last Friday. The editorial had termed the change of venue attempt "downright insulting" and said the defense was wrong if it meant to "imply that Vermonters would condone treason if treason was found to be proved."

#### ASKS RUTLAND TRIAL

Arguing for a change of venue to Rutland, Vt., where the Federal Court sits, Edward B. McLean, Hiss' attorney, said the "terrific, antagonistic publicity in this district for days and days" on the part of newspapers had created an atmosphere making it "inevitable that any juror would be prejudiced about this case and unable to sit fairly on it."

He said the situation did not obtain in Vermont. He said there were only two newspapers of general circulation in Rutland and that they had carried brief and unbiased dispatches about the first trial.

#### QUERIED BY JUDGE

"You mean to say they don't read any other papers than the local ones in Vermont?" Judge Coxe asked. "I've just come from Vermont and you get all the news there that you get anywhere in the United States. The radios are working there also."

McLean said New York newspaper circulation in the Vermont district was "infinitesimal." He said that a poll taken by the defense among 200 people in New York City showed that 45 percent of them admitted they had formed an opinion about the merits of the case. In a similar poll taken in Rutland, he said, 23 percent who had an opinion were readers of New York newspapers.

#### DECISION LATER

Judge Coxe gave McLean until Thursday morning to file an answer in the change of venue motion to affidavits and exhibits submitted by Asst. U. S. Atty. Thomas F. Murphy, government prosecutor in the Hiss case.

The judge gave no indication of when he would announce a decision on the motion.

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## Why Does Hiss Like Vermont?

(Guest Editorial from the New York World-Telegram.)

Alger Hiss has applied for a change of judicial scenery for his second perjury trial because he believes an impartial trial is impossible in New York. His first trial, on charges that he falsely denied that he aided an alleged prewar Communist spy ring ended here last July with a hung jury.

The former State Department official wants to be tried in Vermont. He says he picked the state because the press there treated his case with more moderation than the New York newspapers.

Mr. Hiss is decidedly naive if he thinks he can avoid newspaper coverage of his trial by holding it in Vermont.

Mr. Hiss has a perfect right to seek a change. He is entitled to the fairest possible trial. And the public also has the right to expect that this important and nationally prominent case get the fairest possible trial.

The judge of the federal district which includes Vermont most probably will be Gov. Ernest W. Gibson of that state. Gov. Gibson recently was appointed to the bench by President Truman. The appointment has not yet been confirmed by the Senate but

We think it is too much to ask of any judge that one of his first jobs on the bench be the Hiss trial. We think it is not fair to the public to place the trust of absolute, impartial justice in this complicated case in the hands of an inexperienced Judge, however great his potential ability.

Governor Gibson has, in our opinion, demonstrated that he may not be aware of the prominence of Communism in this country. At an American Legion convention last July, he attacked a Legion list of "undesirable" speakers. On the list are names of fellow travelers. At the convention, the Governor defended Dr. Marshall E. Dimock, once one of his legislative aids and a sponsor of the recent pro-Soviet "peace" conference in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Perhaps this is a clew to why Mr. Hiss likes Vermont.

If Mr. Hiss is successful in moving his trial to Vermont, we suggest Governor Gibson step aside to permit the most able and experienced federal judge available to be called in to preside.

Ed. Note:—Dr. Dimock's association with the pro-Commie cultural conference mentioned above caused considerable comment in Vermont last winter.

Only two weeks before the conference took place, the Vermont Legislature overwhelmingly defeated Governor Gibson's proposal for a power authority. It was generally conceded that the utility charge of "Socialism" was a basic factor in this defeat.

Dr. Dimock, a member of the House of Representatives, led the fight for the measure. He based his case on the pretense that there was no real fight between the utility interests and the Association of Liberals who in recent years have been pushing cheaper power for Vermont.

Hardly had the power authority issue been settled in Montpelier than Dr. Dimock's name again came into the press, this time in the New York City papers. He was described by Dr. Harlow Shapley, left-wing Harvard astronomer and mainstay of the pro-Soviet conference, as a "Vermont Republican legislator" who was a member of the program committee. Actually, Dr. Dimock did not attend the conference. The reason given in the New York press was that he was prevented by a cold. Later, when pressed by this paper for an explanation, he declared that he broke off all association with the conference when he found that it was "loaded."

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York  
F : SAC, Albany  
SUBJECT: JAHAM

DATE: October 12, 1948

Enclosed herewith are two clippings from the Burlington Daily News and one clipping from the Burlington Sunday News, concerning this case.

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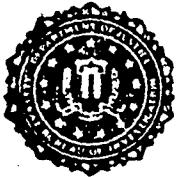
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October 21, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAHAM  
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In order that the salient points of the testimony of both Government and defense witnesses who appeared in the first Hiss trial might be available in a compendium for use during the forthcoming trial, the following instructions are to be noted:

The principal points developed during the testimony and/or interview of each witness should be digested into a very concise statement.

Each digest should be annotated with the page number of the trial transcript, the page number of the summary report or the number of the serial where the information appears.

Each digest should be prepared in rough draft form on a separate page captioned with the name of the witness. A notation should also appear in parenthesis after the name as to whether the individual appeared for the Government or defense.

If the witness identified or will be called upon to identify a trial exhibit, a brief description of the exhibit should be inserted.

This compendium will be used for reference purposes during the trial and must, therefore, be compact yet complete. It is suggested that this matter be given immediate attention.

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York, New York

October 24, 1949

## MEMO

RE: JAHAN  
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R; INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reference is made to the memorandum of SA T. G. Spencer dated September 21, 1949 and teletype from Boston to the Bureau dated October 13, 1949.

Referenced memorandum indicates that MAXIM LIEBER may have brought a girlfriend to his cottage at Smithtown, who possibly may have seen PRISCILLA HISS and ESTHER CHAMBERS at LIEBER'S Smithtown cottage.

Referenced teletype reflects that Mrs. ELIZABETH PERKINS has advised that she recalls an individual by the name of Mrs. MOLLY WEISS, who was a pianist, and Mrs. PERKINS believes that Mrs. WEISS was a girl-friend of MAXIM LIEBER.

Inasmuch as ELIZABETH PERKINS was employed by MAXIM LIEBER up until about 1936, it is possible that this Mrs. MOLLY WEISS may have accompanied MAXIM LIEBER to the Smithtown cottage of LIEBER'S in 1935.

Accordingly, it is felt that the files of the New York Office should be reviewed and investigation conducted to identify and locate Mrs. MOLLY WEISS, aforementioned, in order that she may be interviewed concerning any visits she may have made with LIEBER to LIEBER'S Smithtown cottage and as to whether she ever saw ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS in the company of Mr. and Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS at that place.

JAMES P. MARTIN, SA

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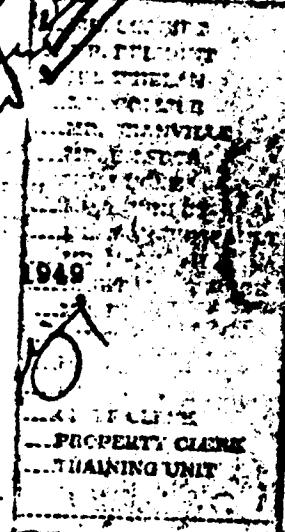
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MEMO

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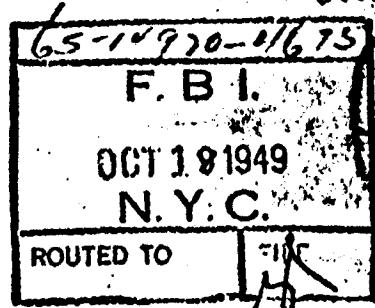


This will record the fact that on 10/9/49 the following work was performed by clerical employees in connection with the motion for a change in venue by ALGER HISS in Federal Court, SDNY.

This motion was made returnable on very short notice to the government. It was necessary for us to photostat three thousand news articles relating to the ALGER HISS trial. These articles then had to be sorted and bound so that they could be attached to the government's reply to the Moving Papers on Monday morning, 10/10/49. This work was accomplished by overtime put in by six to eight clerical employees on Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening.

THOMAS F. RING, SA

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SAC, Albany

October 19, 1949

SAC, New York

JAHAN

PERJURY;

TESTIMONY - R

AGAG RICHARD FLAVIN has conveyed to this office your desire that all of "FELIX INSLER" property, not necessary for the "MISS prosecution, be returned to the Albany Field Office.

Accordingly, there is being transmitted under separate cover, via Railway Express, a suitcase containing blueprints, notes and drawings relating to aircraft, which articles were seized by SAs Frank D. O'Brien and John J. O'Toole in a search of INSLER'S home on December 23, 1948.

It will be recalled that these items have been inspected by Air Force officials who have declared that nothing contained in them is still classified as secret or restricted. Accordingly, the Albany Office is free to return those articles to INSLER in appropriate manner.

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# State of the Nation

## The Strange Case of Noel Field

By JOSEPH C. MARSH, Chief, Washington News Bureau, The Christian Science Monitor

### Washington

The strange case of Noel Maviland Field is worth more than passing attention.

Noel Field, an American citizen, has been branded a Communist by Whittaker Chambers. It has been alleged in connection with several of the Communist cases that he belonged to the Russian spy apparatus in the prewar period. Whether he was a member of the Communist Party, there does not seem to be any serious doubt that both during the prewar years and during the war he had several Communist friends.

But available evidence indicates that today Noel Field, his wife, and his brother, Hermann H. Field, are all victims of the Russian secret police. Hermann Field disappeared from the airport in Warsaw on Aug. 22. Some friends had taken him to the airport, but departed before the plane did. He never has been seen or heard of since by any westerner.

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It was only after Hermann Field's disappearance that anyone bothered to check up on Noel Field. It was then discovered that Noel had not been seen or heard of since June. At that time he was in Prague with his wife, presumably continuing the type of refugee relief work which had been his open and avowed activity since he resigned from the League of Nations secretariat in Geneva after the war broke out. Previously he had been a career officer in the State Department.

After his disappearance he was named in the Hungarian Government's purge trial of László Rajk as an alleged "Amer-

ican intelligence agent." Rajk was successively minister of justice and minister of foreign affairs in the postwar Communist-controlled Hungarian Cabinet. Hungarian propaganda claims that it was Noel Field who persuaded Rajk to serve as an "imperialist spy."

Mrs. Noel Field disappeared about the same time as Hermann.

So here we have an American citizen who has been publicly branded at home as an alleged traitor to his country and yet who has now disappeared in eastern Europe after being called an undercover secret American agent in a Cominform country purge trial. And his brother and wife apparently are also victims.

It is quite possible that Noel Field was an acquaintance, perhaps even a personal friend, of Rajk. Rajk served in the International Brigade in Spain during the Spanish Civil War. Noel Field helped rescue many a member of that brigade from internment camps in Vichy, France. He worked for the Unitarian Service Committee at the time.

That Noel Field was actually an American undercover agent engaged on orders in trying to promote trouble for the Russian-dominated governments in eastern Europe seems unlikely. That is what the Hungarian trial purported to prove. Yet it is perfectly possible that this is the case. We have such agents. And Noel Field was used by the American Office of Strategic Services during the war. His known connections with several Communists and the charges made repeatedly against him at home would

have been excellent "cover" for just such work. And he had contacts with the type of Communists who broke away from Moscow in Yugoslavia and who are known to be restive under Moscow controls in the satellite countries.

The truth is something we probably shall never know. If Noel Field was an undercover agent of the United States deliberately accepting the stigma of Communist affiliations at home in order that he might serve his country more effectively, that is something which can never be admitted publicly. But in our frequent excitement about "subversives" and "spies" and "disloyal persons" we might remember that some among these are Americans who have deliberately sacrificed their reputations at home to serve their country "underground." Not even the FBI knows the identity of the undercover agents of the United States central intelligence agency.

More probably, Noel Field just had a strong personal fondness for left-wingers of the Tito and Rajk breed who fought in the Spanish Civil War and then in the wartime resistance and ended up by discovering that Moscow had taken over their home countries and found they didn't like it. It is to be hoped that if Noel Field was not himself a secret agent among such people we have others who are, for they—the Titos and the Rajks—are the people who more than any others have weakened the fabric of postwar Russian imperialism.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MEMO, SAC

DATE: October 24, 1949

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JAHAM

Reference is made to the request of Assistant United States Attorney THOMAS F. MURPHY, Southern District of New York, to check the records of the Columbia Broadcasting System concerning the program "Don Hollenbeck Views the Press" on station CBS.

The writer contacted Mr. WILLIS CHURCH, Assistant in the CBS News Room, on October 4, 1949. Mr. CHURCH advised that during the period of May 31, 1949 and July 30, 1949, the HISS case was the subject matter of the program "Don Hollenbeck and CBS Views the Press". Mr. CHURCH said that this was a fifteen-minute program which reviews leading newspaper stories contained in the various metropolitan newspapers.

Mr. CHURCH, from a review of CBS files, advised that one program was devoted to a discussion of the HISS case, and he made available a transcript of this program. This transcript was given to SA THOMAS G. SPENCER for transmission to Assistant United States Attorney MURPHY.

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October 24, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAHAM

On the morning of October 24, Mr. H. B. Fletcher called relative to our teletype of October 21, requesting that arrangements be made, if possible, to secure the testimony of HEDE and PAUL MASSING and CHAMBERS and HISS before the Executive Session of the HCUA. Mr. Fletcher advised that AUSA Murphy should arrange to get this through the Department of Justice as the Department is the one which has the contacts with the HCUA.

A. H. BELMONT  
ASAC

Sgt Kelly furnished above  
info to Murphy on 10/24/49  
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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York

October 25, 1949

**MEMO**

RE: JAHAM

At 10:15 A.M., this date, SA Victor A. Lemaitre advised the writer of the following information:

In the course of the investigation of another matter SA Lemaitre interviewed DOUGLAS HEDDEN ALLEN, Chairman of the Board of the Otis-Astoria Corporation, 220 Eleventh Avenue (25th Street), New York City, telephone WAtkins 4-4343. Mr. ALLEN resides at 130 East 75th Street, New York City. His home telephone number is REgent 4-3747.

Mr. ALLEN advised SA Lemaitre that he knew LAWRENCE DUGGAN for many years. He was acquainted with DUGGAN from the time DUGGAN was a child. According to ALLEN, prior to what ALLEN termed the suicide of LAWRENCE DUGGAN, DUGGAN wrote a letter to SUMNER WELLES in which he set out in detail the fact that DUGGAN knew of the existence of a Communist underground in the Government service; that he knew the extent to which this underground controlled the Government and that he knew how high the underground reached among important Government officials. This letter reportedly advised SUMNER WELLES that as a result DUGGAN contemplated suicide, rather than to reveal the extent to which the underground controlled the officials of this Government. ALLEN expressed the opinion that as a result of receiving this letter SUMNER WELLES suffered the attack which resulted in his being found on his estate many hours after he disappeared from his home. At the time WELLES was found he was suffering from shock and exposure.

By way of further background on ALLEN, SA Lemaitre indicated that ALLEN was an important person with an extensive knowledge of South American affairs.

Among the other things which ALLEN told SA Lemaitre was that the FBI had been ham-strung in its investigation of the ALGER HISS case. He also specifically mentioned the AMERASIA Case in which he said the Bureau's investigation had been curtailed by high Government officials. ALLEN further stated that ADOLFE BERLE of the State Department, was the principal

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MEMO

pal exponent of the recognition of Soviet Russia in the Government service, and had persuaded South American countries to recognize Soviet Russia at the time BERLE was Ambassador to Brazil. According to SA Lemaitre, ALLEN is a Republican, opposed in every respect to the New Deal and Fair Deal and is an opinionated man.

It is recommended that ALLEN be interviewed immediately for all information in his possession on the alleged letter written by LAWRENCE DUGGAN to SUMNER WELLES; particularly, is it important that it be determined, if possible, how ALLEN knows such a letter was written. Following the outcome of the interview consideration should be given to conducting an interview with SUMNER WELLES to obtain, if possible, the letter from DUGGAN to WELLES.

A lead card should be made out assigning lead to SA J. J. Danahy, who should be accompanied by another Agent completely familiar with the ALGER HISS Case at the time the interview with ALLEN is conducted.

The Indices of this Office have not been searched on DOUGLAS HEDDEN ALLEN.

THOMAS J. McANDREWS, SA

607 U. S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York 7, New York

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October 19, 1949

Mr. Edward L. Breune  
Legal Department  
New York Telephone Co.  
140 West St.  
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged for the information concerning:

James T. Farhill  
340 EAST 58 STREET  
NEW YORK CITY  
TELE 5-8395

The above was needed by us in connection with an official investigation presently engaging our attention.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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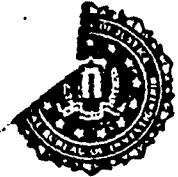
Very truly yours,

*J.H.*  
EDWARD H. STEPHEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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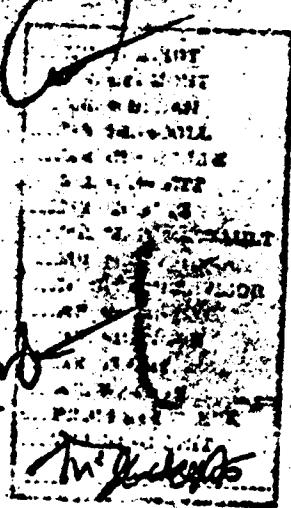


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Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York

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October 27, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAHAM

On October 27, 1949, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] related the following:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] , communicated with [REDACTED] and related he had  
some information relative to THAYER HOBSON which he thought might be of  
interest. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated, in effect, the follow-  
ing. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was told by [REDACTED]  
that THAYER HOBSON would testify for ALGER HISS; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the nature of THAYER HOBSON'S testimony would be that TIMOTHY  
HOBSON typed the copies of the State Department documents on the Woodstock  
typewriter for CHAMBERS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that this "gossip" had been  
passed on to him after it had been reflected through at least four people  
and, therefore, its accuracy and reliability were questionable. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] commented that it appears more likely that the story was meant  
to relate that TIMOTHY HOBSON, rather than THAYER HOBSON, would testify  
to the above.

THOMAS G. SPENCER, SA

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice



New York 7, New York

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October 26, 1949

MEMO.

RE: JAHAM

On October 18, 1949, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS was interviewed by Assistant United States Attorney THOMAS F. MURPHY and the reporting agent.

At this time he was shown postcard photographs of the Hillside Lodge on Route 6, Sandy Hook, Connecticut, and a postcard photograph of Blackman's Guest House, Route 6, Newtown, Connecticut.

Mr. CHAMBERS related that these guest homes do not in any way resemble the guest homes he stayed in with ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS at Thomaston, Conn. or Peterborough, New Hampshire.

THOMAS G. SPENCER  
SA

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United States Department of Justice



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New York 7, New York

October 28, 1949

MEMO.

RE: JAHAM

On October 18, 1949 WHITTAKER CHAMBERS was interviewed at his farm at Westminster, Maryland, by Assistant United States Attorney THOMAS F. MURPHY and the reporting agent.

Among other things, he was asked whether he could recall ALGER HISS ever using the aliases of Captain H. T. SMITH, the name of SPENCER ST. CLAIR or EUEN. Mr. CHAMBERS related that insofar as he knows, ALGER HISS never used an alias.

THOMAS G. SPENCER  
SA

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice



New York 7, New York

October 28, 1949

MELO.

RE: JAHAM

On October 17, 1949, Assistant United States Attorney THOMAS F. MURPHY furnished the reporting agent with a letter dated October 13, 1949 that he had received from JACK BEALL, 4801 Quebec Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C. This letter comments on the fact that BEALL was a radio newscaster and commentator for Station ABC, giving a weekly program on Communism, and makes some comments in connection with the recent trial of ALGER HISS. The letter refers to some testimony extracted from the House Committee on Un-American Activities report in connection with the testimony given to that committee by Mr. PUERIFOY of the State Department.

Mr. MURPHY suggests that the information contained in Mr. BEALL'S letter be checked with the testimony appearing in the report of the HCUA to determine whether it is accurate. A memorandum should be prepared as a result of this comparison for whatever action Mr. MURPHY may desire to take in connection with this reported information.

THOMAS G. SPENCER  
SA

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New York 7, New York

October 28, 1949

MEMO.

RE: JAHAM

There is attached a photostatic copy of a memorandum which was furnished to the reporting agent by Assistant United States Attorney THOMAS F. MURPHY. This memorandum reflects some background information on ERNEST GIBSON, the present Governor of Vermont, who has been recommended to the Senate Judiciary Committee as Federal Judge for the District of Vermont to replace the deceased Judge LEAMEY of that District.

The memorandum also comments on MARSHALL E. DIMOCK, who recently was given quite a bit of publicity in the local press in connection with ERNEST GIBSON in a speech the latter made defending DIMOCK at a recent American Legion Convention.

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New York 7, New York

October 31, 1949

MEMO.

RE: JAHAM

On October 18, 1949 WHITTAKER CHAMBERS was interviewed by Assistant United States Attorney THOMAS F. MURPHY and the reporting agent.

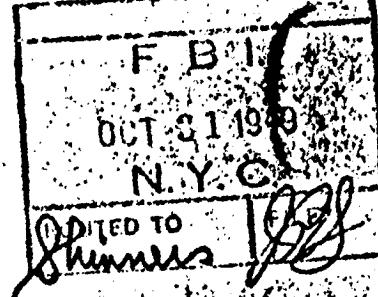
A page from "Time" magazine of February 16, 1942, which contained a criticism of MALCOLM COWLEY'S "The Dry Season", was shown to CHAMBERS. He read this review and stated that he had reviewed the book and had written this article.

A photostatic copy of this page from "Time" is attached.

THOMAS G. SPENCER  
SA

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

New York 7, New York

October 31, 1949

**MEMO.**

RE: JAHAN

During the interview of Mr. and Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS by Assistant United States Attorney THOMAS F. MURPHY and the reporting agent on October 18, 1949, both were questioned concerning the telephone that was in the 28th Street house during the six weeks' period that Mr. and Mrs. CHAMBERS resided there.

Neither was able to recall that the telephone was there but could not definitely state that there was not a telephone in the home. Both related, however, that if the telephone was there, which was possible, neither can recall ever having used it nor can they ever recall anyone telephoning them while they resided at the 28th Street house.

THOMAS G. SPENCER  
SA

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United States Department of Justice



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New York 7, New York

October 31, 1949

MEMO.

RE: JAHAN

During the interview with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS on October 18, 1949, at the latter's farm, he related that he had received some information which had escaped his mind for some time and that his best recollection was that he received this information from ROBERT STRIPLING.

CHAMBERS related that one FAY (ph) of the Justice Department, had, during the Executive Sessions of the House Committee on Un-American Affairs, been requesting and receiving transcripts of these Executive Sessions and because of the friendship between FAY and ALGER HISS, FAY was making these transcripts available to HISS. FAY allegedly made his request to Congressman NIXON. For some reason, however, shortly after these transcripts were being made available to FAY, NIXON refused to honor any subsequent requests.

CHAMBERS pointed out that this, apparently, would have been of extreme importance to ALGER HISS because HISS usually appeared before the Executive Sessions subsequent to the time CHAMBERS testified and, therefore, would be in possession of all information that CHAMBERS had related to the Committee before he, HISS, had made any comments to the Committee.

Mr. MURPHY stated that it possibly would be very helpful if the transcript of these Executive Sessions could be obtained and the information supplied by CHAMBERS to the Committee and that supplied by HISS be compared.

It is to be noted that in all probability the individual referred to by CHAMBERS as FAY, is identical with GEORGE MORRIS FAY, U. S. Attorney for the District of Columbia; it is to be noted further that according to the newspaper accounts at the time, Mr. FAY was being furnished transcripts of testimony being taken by the HCUA from CHAMBERS, HISS and others possessing information about the activities of either or both.

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See Serial 4693 re  
10/29/49 that AUSA telephoned H. B. F. to obtain testimony  
before Executive Session through Dept.  
which was advised

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| THOMAS C. SPENCER |
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United States Department of Justice

New York 7, New York

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MEMO.

RE: JAHAM

During the interview of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS on October 18, 1949 by Assistant United States Attorney THOMAS F. MURPHY and the reporting agent, CHAMBERS related that he had recently recalled a bit of information that he had neglected to relate to SA FRANCIS X. PLANT and the reporting agent at the time the detailed statement was being taken in January, February and March, 1949.

This incident occurred in about July, 1935, when CHAMBERS and his wife were residing in the Greenwich Village Apartment of MEYER SHAPIRO. CHAMBERS stated that because of the extreme hot weather in New York City at that time, the CHAMBERS and HISSES had talked about getting a place in the country for the rest of the summer. Both Mr. and Mrs. CHAMBERS recall quite vividly reading an advertisement probably in the Sunday Edition of the "New York Times" or the "New York Herald Tribune" which listed a summer place adequate for two families near Callicoon, New York.

This summer place was allegedly on the Upper Delaware, probably just above Callicoon and near the town of Black Eddie. V CHAMBERS related that one day (he could not recall whether it was a Sunday or a weekday) ALGER, PRISCILLA HISS and he drove up to this summer place, found it to be unsuitable and returned to New York City the same day. CHAMBERS described the house as "small and shabby" and his recollection was that it was situated between a dirt road and a railroad track and about one-half mile from either the Delaware River or a small lake. CHAMBERS stated that they talked to a man and woman who, apparently, owned the premises, but he cannot give any description whatever of these individuals.

ever of these individuals.

It is suggested, therefore, that a review of the "New York Times" and the "New York Herald Tribune" for July, 1935 be made in an effort to locate this advertisement. If the advertisement is located, it is believed that further investigation be conducted to determine whether anyone presently residing in or near this summer place could possibly identify ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS or WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

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THOMAS G. SPENCER  
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

**TO** **MEMO**

FROM: A. J. TUOHY, SA  
SUBJECT: JAHAM

DATE: October 31, 1949.

This morning, in the absence of Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau, I advised Mr. Leo Laughlin that when the ALGER HISS case was called before Judge William G. Bondy this morning, the trial was adjourned until November 17; that defense attorney CROSS made a lengthy plea for a longer continuance but the court instructed that the defense must be ready to proceed with the trial on November 17.

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October 17, 1949  
Mineola, N.Y.

MEMO

RE: JAHAM

ESPIONAGE - R

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On October 4th writer contacted Nassau District Attorney Frank A. Gulotta, New Courthouse, Old Country Rd., Mineola, N.Y. relative to obtaining the moving and opposition papers involving the change of venue in the recent LONELY HEARSS MURDER CASE of RAYMOND FERNANDZ and MARIE DECK which Nassau County prosecuted. In connection with the retrial of the HEARSS case Ass't. U.S.A. T.F. MURPHY had requested these papers as an aid because the defense attorneys were filing a motion for a change of venue.

D.A. GULOTTA was very cooperative and instructed his assistant PHILIP HUNTINGTON to extend every full cooperation. HUNTINGTON made available the complete change of venue papers of the above case which was furnished to U.S.A. MURPHY.

GULOTTA was recently appointed Nassau D.A. and appears to be a cooperative and friendly person in matters of mutual interest. A letter is being directed to Gulotta in the above matter.

SA J. Garth Gray

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October 17, 1949  
Mineola, N.Y.

MEMO

RE: JAHAM

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N.Y. 65-14920

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SA J. Garth Gray

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Oct. 17, 1949

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607 U. S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York 7, New York

October 31, 1949

Honorable Frank A. Gulotta,  
District Attorney  
County of Nassau, New Courthouse  
Mineola, New York

Dear Mr. Gulotta:

Special Agent J. Garth Gray of the Mineola Resident Agency has advised me of the recent cooperation of your office in connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office.

I wish to express to you my personal appreciation for your cooperation in this case and be assured of my desire to cooperate in all matters of mutual interest.

Yours very truly,

*EW*  
EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

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SAC, BALTIMORE

October 26, 1949

SAC, NEW YORK

JAHAM

There are being transmitted herewith photostatic copies of Pages 2251 through 2445a of the trial transcript of U.S. vs. ALGER HISS.

This portion of the transcript includes the testimony of PRISCILLA HISS, and Assistant United States Attorney Thomas P. Murphy, Southern District of New York, has requested that it be made available immediately to Mrs. ESTHER CHAMBERS for her perusal before the commencement of the retrial of HISS. Mr. Murphy discussed this matter with Mrs. CHAMBERS on the occasion of his recent visit at the CHAMBERS farm.

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## Editorial

### The Beech Seal for Hiss?

The possible trial of Alger Hiss, described by Assistant U. S. Attorney General Thomas F. Murphy as "a traitor, and another Benedict Arnold" is one "blessing" that the State of Vermont, and especially the City of Burlington, can do without.

Mr. Hiss, a summer resident of Peacham, and his attorney, show a typical summer resident's lack of understanding of Vermont as evidenced by their petition for a change of venue of this trial from New York to Vermont. The affidavits attached to his petition purport to prove that there was only moderate public reaction in Vermont to Hiss's first trial. Of course, you could not expect a sophisticated cosmopolite such as Alger Hiss to appreciate that just because Vermonters do not pound on a tub to express the condition of their emotions that they would contemplate an act of treason with any more apathy than any other part of the U. S.

In fact, this newspaper considers Mr. Hiss's application for a change of venue from New York to Vermont as downright insulting. It is one thing to imply that he would get fairer treatment in Vermont. But it is another thing to imply that Vermonters would condone treason if treason was found to be proved.

This newspaper has previously commented freely and frankly on the disgraceful spectacle of two U. S. Supreme Court Justices coming into court to be character witnesses for Mr. Hiss. It has furthermore praised the majority of the members of the jury of New York who refused to be over-awed by the Supreme Court Justices and other prominent citizens, who testified as to their idea of the excellence of Mr. Hiss's character.

This newspaper does not believe that Mr. Hiss can look forward to a jury of complacent Vermonters. It does not believe that Vermonters will be any easier on him than would be a New York jury, and it is an affront that Mr. Hiss indicates that he thinks this would be the case.

The words of Assistant Attorney General Murphy, as

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## The Beech Seal for Hiss

report on Newsweek and Time magazines for Jan. 18, are well worth recalling, in connection with the Hiss trial. First of all, Murphy answered the emotional plea of Criminal Lawyer Stryker, who defended Hiss, by pointing to the Woodstock typewriter that the Government claims Mrs. Hiss used to copy confidential documents which they also claim Mr. Hiss had taken from the State Department and which Chambers said Hiss had delivered to him, and the trial's testimony in four green-bound volumes. "There are the three solid witnesses in this case," said Mr. Murphy, adding that there were three uncontradicted facts: 1. Chambers had in his possession copies of secret State Department documents; 2. These documents were all dated in the first three months of 1938; 3. All but one of the typed documents were copied on the Hiss typewriter.

Declared Mr. Murphy, "Someone has said that roses that fester stink worse than weeds. A brilliant man like this man, who betrays his trust, stinks. Inside that smiling face is a heart black and cancerous. He is a traitor."

Said Mr. Murphy, "I dare say Judas Iscariot had a fairly good reputation. He was one of the Twelve, he sat next to God, yet we know what he did. Brutus, the friend of Cæsar, I dare say he had a good reputation. He got so close to his boss he stabbed him. Benedict Arnold came from a fine family, was one of the first in the Revolutionary War, but he sold out West Point. He wasn't caught, but had he been don't you think he could have called George Washington as a reputation witness?"

It is perfectly true that no man is guilty until proved so under the American system. But it is also true that eight out of the 12, or a two-thirds majority of the jury, felt that Mr. Hiss was guilty.

In the opinion of this newspaper, from what it has been able to learn, Mr. Hiss is guilty.

We agree with Murphy when he said "Let us suppose one of your children is apprehended in the kitchen with jam on his face. We don't have to get a stomach pump to find out if he's been eating jam. We have the jam on his face."

We hope that if Vermont has the misfortune to be tainted with this trial a Vermont jury will give short and quick justice to Alger Hiss. It is a pity that our modern laws prevent the use of the beech seal, which Ethan Allen, Remember Baker and Seth Warner used with so much effectiveness on the behinds of those who violated the integrity of the State of Vermont in the days of the American Revolution.

With the news that Russia now has the atomic bomb, the danger of having anyone in high places who might be betraying this country is no longer a matter of academic interest.

Our very lives are at stake, and under such circumstances we cannot afford traitors anywhere in this country or ours.

VT. DAILY NEWS

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York DATE: 10/7/49

FROM : SA Frank C. Wood, Albany Office (Burlington, Vt. Resident Agency)

SUBJECT: ALGER HISS. PERJURY.

Per instructions of SAC A. CORNELIUS, JR., Albany Office, received telephonically at 10.30pm 10/6/49 there is enclosed herewith, by special delivery mail, a copy of the Burlington, Vt. DAILY NEWS (newspaper) containing the editorial on the petition for change of venue in the trial of this case. This paper reaches the streets here about 4.00pm. If additional copies are desired please advise.

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Of possible additional use in this matter is the fact the Burlington DAILY NEWS has a circulation of possibly 8,000 in Addison and Chittenden counties.

Also published by the same company is the St. Albans DAILY MESSENGER which is distributed at St. Albans and generally in Franklin, Grand Isle and Lamoille counties. The total circulation of this paper is possibly 4,500 to 5,000. It carries the same editorials as does the Burlington DAILY NEWS and therefore will have instant editorial.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York 7, New York

November 3, 1949

MEMO:

Re: JAHAM  
PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to the Book Review Section of the October 23, 1949 edition of the "New York Times". On page 52 of this section appears the following ad: "Wanted: Customer (originals and copies) of correspondence of "Time" Magazine for use in magazine article. Material returned in good condition. Names will be held upon request. A. J. LIEBLING, 25 West 43rd Street, New York 18."

While the writer was talking to HAROLD MEDINA JR., one of the attorneys for "Time" Magazine on another matter, the above mentioned advertisement was brought to his attention. He stated that he was very thankful for this matter as it probably concerned a story which he had heard and which he believed was authentic.

This story is to the effect that LIEBLING is allegedly writing a story criticizing "Time" Magazine, and that LIEBLING is attempting to sell this story to "Collier's" Magazine. MEDINA stated that he could, of course, not positively sustain the advertisement in this story, but felt that the ad was placed in connection with LIEBLING'S story.

THOMAS G. SPENCER, SA

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York 7, New York

November 3, 1949

MEMO:

Re: JAHAM  
PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R

On the afternoon of November 1, 1949, HAROLD MEDINA, JR. of Cravath, Swain and Moore, attorneys for "Time" Magazine, telephonically communicated with the writer. His call was in connection with the Osborne article that appeared in a recent column of WALTER WINCHELL in the "New York Daily Mirror". As will be recalled from previous memoranda, efforts were made to determine whether there was any proof to statements made by WINCHELL in his column.

On this date MEDINA related that he had just talked to Mr. OSBORNE and others in "Time" Magazine in an effort to straighten up the so called WINCHELL-OSBORNE story. He continued that in his conversation with OSBORNE, the latter related that he was in Rome in the Fall of 1944 on an assignment for "Time", and after a diligent search of the cables of "Time" he might have sent, and from his own recollection, he could recall nothing that would substantiate the statements made by WINCHELL in his column.

OSBORNE also told MEDINA that he could never recall having criticized CHAMBERS' editorial policy as fictional rather than factual, and he is positive that no such statement was credited to him in a cable or any communication.

MEDINA related that OSBORNE had a very high regard for CHAMBERS as a man and as an editor, but that OSBORNE had differed to some extent in the manner in which a story might be edited by CHAMBERS.

MEDINA also related that sometime around 1944, some criticism of CHAMBER'S editorial policy had been made by one of the sections of "Time" Magazine. MEDINA related that the source was probably a new editor whose name he could not recall.

As a result of this criticism, HENRY LUCE, the publisher, became somewhat alarmed and asked OSBORNE to check into the matter. OSBORNE made a survey and wrote a one copy personal and confidential memorandum to LUCE in which OSBORNE set out the results of his investigation, gave the various pros and cons as to CHAMBERS editorial ability, etc., and apparently whitewashed the entire affair.

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LUCE subsequently sent a confidential memorandum to one HILLINGS, who at that time was one of the editors, and who is now the principal editor on "Time" Magazine, requesting that HILLINGS look over OSBORNE'S memorandum, and to make any further comments he chose to in connection with this affair.

HILLINGS' comments to LUCE in this regard were also favorable, in so far as LUCE was concerned. MEDINA related that the material on these memoranda is presently not in existence, and the information he received came from OSBORNE and HILLINGS themselves.

In connection with the comments made by WINCHELL in the OSBORNE cablegram story, OSBORNE related to MEDINA that he, OSBORNE, had recently talked to LEONARD LYONS of the "New York Post". At this time LYONS told OSBORNE that he, LYONS, had been informed personally by WINCHELL that the latter's story in connection with the OSBORNE cablegrams was true, and that he could back it up.

As an aside, OSBORNE volunteered that for the past several years, WINCHELL has been taking a "lot of cracks" at "Time" Magazine in the hope of fermenting some correspondence and publicity between WINCHELL and "Time", which would result in some free publicity for WINCHELL. MEDINA stated that as a matter of policy "Time" Incorporated completely ignored the remarks made by WINCHELL concerning "Time", it's policy, etc. He also stated that WINCHELL has purposely leaked information to newspapers sources indicating that he, WINCHELL, obtains his foreign news information from a confidential source at "Time" Magazine.

THOMAS G. SPENCER, SA

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JANUARY. THE FOLLOWING FROM BURIAU, QUOTE RE BALTIMORE TEL NOVEMBER  
SECOND. JOSEPHINE FREY HERBST INTERVIEWED BY NEWARK IN FEBRUARY THIS  
YEAR. HERBST ADVISED SHE LIVED IN WASHINGTON, D. C., WITH FORMER HUS-  
BAND JOHN HERRMANN IN APARTMENT ON NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE, N. W., FROM  
JULY TO SEPTEMBER NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR. SHE RECALLED MEETING AN INDIV-  
IDUAL IDENTIFIED TO HER BY HER HUSBAND AS CARL, WHOM SHE LATER LEARNED  
THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHS IN TIME MAGAZINE TO BE CHAMBERS. SHE IDENTIFIED  
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MANN MET CHAMBERS THROUGH HAROLD WARE. SHE STATED CHAMBERS VISITED  
THEIR APARTMENT ON TWO OR THREE OCCASIONS IN WASHINGTON. SHE DEDUCED  
THAT CHAMBERS WAS COLLECTING INFORMATION FOR THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF  
NEW YORK CITY. HERBST ADVISED THAT AT THAT TIME HERRMANN WAS ENGAGED  
IN SECURING INFORMATION OF A POLITICAL NATURE FOR BACKGROUND OF A  
PLAY HE WAS WRITING. SHE DENIED EVER HAVING SEEN CHAMBERS MAKE ANY  
PHOTOGRAPHS IN THEIR APARTMENT AND STATED SHE KNEW NOTHING OF THE  
CONNECTION BETWEEN HER HUSBAND, CHAMBERS AND WARE. SHE DENIED KNOWING  
ALGER OR PRISCILLA HISS. JOHN T. HERRMANN INTERVIEWED MAY THIRTYFIRST  
LAST. BALTIMORE REFERRED TO NY REPORT JULY FIRST FORTYNINE BY SA ROBERT  
F. O'KEEFE. FOR INFORMATION OF NEWARK, REFERENCED BALTIMORE TEL  
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cc to Kelly  
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cc Danaher  
cc Spilcer

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ADVISED CHAMBERS STATED THAT DURING THE EASTER WEEK END OF NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR OR THIRTYFIVE, PROBABLY THIRTYFIVE, ALGER HISS AND HE MADE A TRIP IN THE HISS NINETEEN TWENTYNINE FORD FROM WASHSHINGTON, D. C., PROBABLY TO ERWINNA, PA., TO VISIT JOHN HERRMANN AND HERRMANN-S WIFE JOSEPHINE HERBST. BALTIMORE ADVISED THAT CHAMBERS HAD PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED THE NEW YORK OFFICE INFORMATION CONCERNING HERRMANN AND HERBST AND CHAMBERS INQUIRED WHETHER HERRMANN HAD EVER BEEN LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED. CHAMBERS FEELS HERRMANN DEFINITELY KNOWS OF HISS- UNDERGROUND CONNECTION AND ACTIVITIES AND IS QUITE CERTAIN HERBST ALSO HAS SAME KNOWLEDGE. CHAMBERS ADVISED HERRMANN AND HERBST WERE DIVORCED OR BROKE UP ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY-SEVEN. HE STATES BOTH WERE CP MEMBERS AND UPON BREAKUP BETWEEN THEM, BROUDER AWARDED THEIR NICE HOME AT ERWINNA, PA., TO HERBST, WHERE SHE MAY STILL BE LIVING OR PRESENT WHEREABOUTS BE KNOWN. CHAMBERS ALSO ADVISED HERBST IS NOVELIST AND WRITER OF SOME REPUTATION. HE HEARD RECENTLY FROM UNRECALLED SOURCE THAT HERBST HAS DEFECTED, MAKING HER A GOOD POTENTIAL WITNESS IF TRUE. HE CONSIDERS INTERVIEWS WITH HERRMANN AND HERBST AND POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF THEM AS WITNESSES AS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. NEWARK SHOULD REINTERVIEW HERBST, UNLESS SOME REASON EXISTS FOR NOT DOING SAME, IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF SHE RECALLS ABOVE VISIT BY CHAMBERS AND ALGER HISS. UNQUOTE. PHILADELPHIA HANDLE.

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SAC, Philadelphia

November 7, 1949

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The Washington Field Office has advised that H. C. EATON, former USNR Commander and Chief of Neuro-Psychiatric Service, the psychiatrist who examined TIMOTHY HOBSON when the latter was discharged from the United States Navy, was released from active duty on March 31, 1946, at St. Albans Hospital, New York. His present address available to the Washington Field Office as of May 9, 1949, was the Harrisburg State Hospital, Harrisburg, Pa.

You are requested to discreetly ascertain whether or not Dr. EATON is presently employed at the Harrisburg State Hospital. This information is desired by this office solely for the purpose of determining Dr. EATON'S whereabouts in the event it becomes necessary to call him as a Government witness in the forthcoming trial of ALGER HISS.

It is requested that this information be ascertained as expeditiously as possible.

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United States Department of Justice  
New York, N. Y.

November 8, 1949

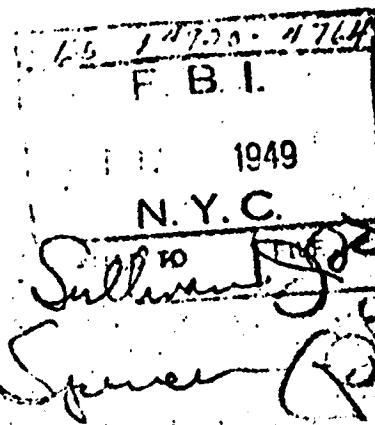
## MEVORANDU!:

Re: JAHAM

On November 8, 1949, at 12:20 p.m., SA Obendorf, WFO, advised by telephone that an appointment had been arranged for SA John F. Sullivan with Francis B. Sayre on November 9, 1949, at 11:00 a.m. SA Sullivan was advised.

L. W. SPILLANE,  
Special Agent

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MEMO

DATE: November 8, 1949

FROM : SA A. J. TUOHY

SUBJECT: JAHAM

Mr. Leo Laughlin of the Bureau called this morning and advised that Bureau authority was granted for SA J. F. Sullivan to proceed to Washington with AUSA Murphy for the purpose of interviewing SAYRE.

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